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1. TREASURY HAS RECEIVED RECENT ALLEGATIONS FROM DOMESTIC INDUSTRY AND OTHER COMPETING EUROPEAN CHEESE EXPORTING COUNTRIES THAT THE TERMS OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY WAIVERS INVOKED ON CHEESE FROM SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING FINLAND ARE NOT BEING ADHERED TO. SPECIFICALLY, IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT SHIPMENTS BEARING SUBSIDIES HAVE ENTERED THE U.S. THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE CONCERNING POSSIBLE DISCOUNTS AND REBATES THAT COMPENSATE FOR PRICE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED OF THESE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. WHILE TREASURY WILL LOOK INTO THESE ALLEGATIONS NO RPT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AT THIS TIME TO IMPOSE COUNTERVAILING CONFIDENTIAL

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DUTIES. THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FINNISH EMBASSY.

2. WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO RAISE THESE MATTERS WITH THE FINNS AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, SHOULD GOF LEARN OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS AND RAISE MATTER WITH EMBASSY, RESPONSE ALONG LINES IN PARA 1 MAY BE PROVIDED. CHRISTOPHER

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